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Changes in TennCare Standard August 1, 2005

Non-covered services

For **all** TennCare Standard **adults age 21 or older**, these services will **no longer** be covered:

- Medicine that can be purchased over the counter – (except for prenatal vitamins)
- Dental care of *any* kind
- Sitter services
- Convalescent care
- Payments to “hold” an unused bed in a nursing home while the member is in the hospital or out of the nursing home for any reason (beginning October 1, 2005, TennCare will pay for up to 10 days per year to “hold” a nursing home bed)
- Methadone clinic services to get or stay off drugs.
(This is also called methadone detox or maintenance services.)
- Pharmacy services

Important: Children **under age 21** with TennCare Standard will continue to receive all care that is medically necessary including the care listed above that are non-covered for adults. They will also continue to have unlimited prescription drug coverage. Children with family incomes at or above poverty level will have a *reduction* in pharmacy co-pays. They will now pay \$3 for each brand name drug used rather than a \$5 or \$10 co-pay for each prescription.